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TO AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

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TAGS: CGEN (MESSALI, MITCH)

SUBJECT: COMPLAINT OF AMERICAN SEAMAN

1. MITCH MESSALI, CREW MEMBER OF US-FLAG SHIP "THOMAS M" DOCKED AT POTI, PHONED EMBASSY WITHVARIOUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT SHIP CLAIMED HE FELT PHYSICALLY THREATENED BY SHIPMATES, ETC., ETC.

2. EMBASSY HAS ASKED SOVIET AGENT SOVINFLot FOR REPORT BUT NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. IN TELECON MESSALI ASKED FOR ASSURANCE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO CONSOFF WHEN SHIP ARRIVES ISTANBUL IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE CLAIMED HE WOULD BE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY SHIP'S OFFICERS.

3. WE CONSIDER IT VERY UNLIKELY MESSALI HAS ANY LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCE OR BASIS FOR REPORTED FEAR, BUT IF AMCONGEN CAN READILY IDENTIFY ISTANBUL AGENT OF THOMAS M, IT MIGHT WISH TO REQUEST THAT MESSALI PHONE CONGEN AFTER SHIP'S ARRIVAL. WE BELIEVE THOMAS M. IS OWNED BY ACADEMY TANKERS, INC. OF HOUSTON.

4. MESSALI WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH HIS Z NUMBER.
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